

This Week's News

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday October 5th, 2025

Silent Key – William Ryan EI2FA

This week, we start with the sad news regarding the passing of long time IRTS member William (Willie) Ryan EI2FA from Limerick. William passed away on September 22nd, 2025. We extend our deepest sympathies to his wife Carmel, children Sinéad, Deirdre, Eoin, and Con and his extended family and friends. Willie was associated with the Thomond Radio Club EI2TRC in Limerick City since the early nineties. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam. May he rest in peace.

Updates from the IRTS

The next Irish Harmonised Amateur Radio Examination Certificate (HAREC) examination takes place on the 15th of November 2025. The location for the exam is the Clayton Hotel Dublin Airport, Stockhole Lane, Clonshagh, Co Dublin, K67 X3H5. The closing date for applications is Monday the 3rd of November.

There will be a morning and afternoon exam. Registration for the morning exam will start at 10.30 a.m., and the exam will commence at 11 a.m. with a duration of two hours. Registration for the afternoon exam will start at 2 p.m., and the exam will commence at 2.30 p.m., also with a duration of two hours. Information and links to the application form can be found on the IRTS website or you can contact Mick EI6IKB by email to [irts_exams /at/ irts.ie](mailto:irts_exams/at/irts.ie)

IRTS Contest Manager Mark Condon EI6JK has been selected as a referee for the 2026 World Radiosport Team Championship taking place in the U.K. This event can be considered as the Olympics of radio sport. It brings the world's best in radio traffic coming from any country and all continents using the same playing field and allowing pure skills to determine world champions. Mark is the first ever Irish referee of WRTC. He was selected based on his outstanding performance and expertise in radio contesting. We congratulate Mark and wish him the very best of luck in his role as a referee. We also congratulate and the best of luck to Megan EI5LA who will be the Irish competitor in WRTC 2026 as part of a youth team.

The RSGB convention take place next weekend in the UK. IRTS President John Kelly EI4L will be representing IRTS as a guest of honour. At the convention also, IRTS Youth Officer Ana EI5IXB will be speaking about work being done in Ireland to encourage young people to get involved in amateur radio. She will discuss the challenges of starting with an almost non-existent YOTA team, to harnessing STEM, and space topics. Ana will share her experiences and insights regarding engaging students and scouts through outreach programs and radio or space-related activities.

Next Amateur Radio Licensing Course Starts 30 October 2025

The next HAREC course begins on Thursday, 30th of October 2025. It will be the ninth course offered by the National Shortwave Listeners Club. It will be called Class India. As before, the course is free to attend, but participants must be members of the NSWLC. Membership is free for current IRTS members. Class India will be held online via Zoom, every Thursday evening at 20:00 hours, with 26 sessions in total. The course will run until the 7th of May 2026. Zoom links will be sent directly to current NSWLC members once they follow the joining instructions.

Students are also invited to take part in the optional NSWLC Sunday Socials, where they can meet tutors and experienced radio amateurs also via Zoom. For more information, or to join the NSWLC, visit swl.ie

Jamboree on the Air

Each year, over a million scouts and guides from over 170 countries around the world take part in Jamboree on the Air and Jamboree on the Internet. It's a weekend of radio, internet, and friendship. This year, it will take place from the 17th to the 19th of October, with most activity on Saturday the 18th. This is a chance to support the future of our wonderful hobby.

Between Friday 17th and Sunday 19th, but especially Saturday 18th, you are asked to run a support station at your club, at your home QTH or as a field day activity on your own or with some other operators! Listen out for and watch the cluster for scout stations on HF, 2m, and QO-100.

The nature of such events is that there may be 5 to 30 scouts who have never been on the radio with a licensed operator supervising, all wanting to make contact. Radio scouting Ireland will provide a JOTA-JOTI patch to all IE operators with 10 or more logged calls with scout stations in Ireland or around the world. Email ADIF or CSV logs to [radioscoutingireland /at/ gmail.com](mailto:radioscoutingireland/at/gmail.com)

VHF/Microwave News

Amateur Radio on the International Space Station, or ARISS, is commemorating the 68th anniversary of the launch of the world's first satellite Sputnik-1. It is transmitting a series of space cooperation-themed SSTV images from the International Space Station until 07:30 UTC on October 9th. Several pauses will occur during this time to accommodate contacts with schools. The next planned ARISS SSTV event after this is planned to coincide with Jamboree on the Air. the event will take place over three days starting on October 17th, with four images being transmitted over the three days.

On October 18th, 2025, an IRTS all-mode activity event is planned for the 2m band. It is not limited to EI and stations from other countries are encouraged to take part. It is a fun event intended to allow enough time to try out different modes like SSTV and digital, as well as CW, SSB, and FM. Activities will start at 12 p.m. running for at least three hours. This will also coincide with JOTA also to help encourage 2m activity for new or trainee operators on the air.

DX Féile 2025

DX Féile takes place next Saturday October 12th and in the Temple Gate Hotel, Ennis. For further information please contact David, [ei9fbb /at/ gmail.com](mailto:ei9fbb/at/gmail.com) or by telephone at 087 7444777.

Items for Inclusion in Next Week's Radio News

That is the news for this week. Thanks to everyone for sending items into the weekly IRTS radio news. They are very much appreciated and are a great way to update the rest of the community about activities. If you have any club events, activities, meetings, or other items of interest, you are very welcome to email [newsteam /at/ irts.ie](mailto:newsteam/at/irts.ie) with the details. These will be automatically forwarded to the IRTS radio and printed news services. The deadline each week is midnight on Thursdays.

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